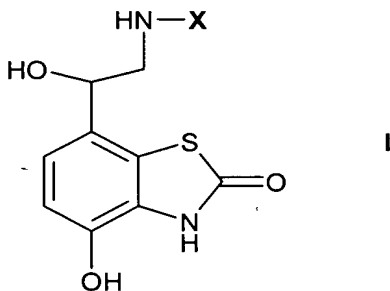


## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Original) A compound of formula I



in free or salt or solvate form, wherein

X is  $-R^1-Ar-R^2$  or  $-R^a-Y$ ;

Ar denotes a phenylene group optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl, phenyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl substituted by phenyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy substituted by phenyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl-substituted phenyl or by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy-substituted phenyl;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are attached to adjacent carbon atoms in Ar, and either  $R^1$  is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylene and  $R^2$  is hydrogen,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or halogen or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  together with the carbon atoms in Ar to which they are attached denote a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloaliphatic ring;

$R^a$  is a bond or  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylene optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl or  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl; and

Y is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_2-C_{10}$ -alkenyl or  $C_2-C_{10}$ -alkynyl optionally substituted by halo, cyano, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or halo- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl;

$C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl optionally fused to one or more benzene rings and optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyloxy or  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl, where  $C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyloxy or  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl are optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or halo- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl;

C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-haloalkyl, phenoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl, 4- to 10- membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom, or by NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup> where R<sup>b</sup> and R<sup>c</sup> are each independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy or phenyl or R<sup>b</sup> may additionally be hydrogen;

phenoxy optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy or by phenyl optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy;

a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom, said heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aralkyl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aralkyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl or a 4- to 10-membered heterocycl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl;

-NR<sup>d</sup>R<sup>e</sup> where R<sup>d</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl and R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, or R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl optionally substituted by halo, or R<sup>e</sup> is a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom which ring is optionally substituted by phenyl or halo-substituted phenyl or R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-arylsulfonyl optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkylamino or di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl)amino;

-SR<sup>f</sup> where R<sup>f</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aralkyl optionally substituted by halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-haloalkyl; or

-CONHR<sup>g</sup> where R<sup>g</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-cycloalkyl or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl;

provided that when R<sup>a</sup> is a bond, Y is not C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, in which

X is -R<sup>1</sup>-Ar-R<sup>2</sup> or -R<sup>a</sup>-Y;

Ar denotes a phenylene group optionally substituted by halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy or by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy substituted by phenyl;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are attached to adjacent carbon atoms in Ar, and

either R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkylene and R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen,

or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atoms in Ar to which they are attached denote a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloaliphatic ring;

R<sup>a</sup> is a bond or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkylene optionally substituted by hydroxy, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aralkyl; and

Y is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkynyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-cycloalkyl optionally fused to one or more benzene rings and optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aralkyl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aralkyloxy optionally substituted by halo, or by C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-

C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, phenoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl, a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen atom, or by NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup> where R<sup>b</sup> and R<sup>c</sup> are each independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or phenyl or R<sup>b</sup> may additionally be hydrogen; phenoxy optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy; a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen or oxygen atom, said heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aralkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl or by a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl; -NR<sup>d</sup>R<sup>e</sup> where R<sup>d</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl and R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, or R<sup>e</sup> is a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen or oxygen atom which ring is optionally substituted by halo-substituted phenyl or R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-arylsulfonyl optionally substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl)amino; -SR<sup>f</sup> where R<sup>f</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aralkyl optionally substituted by halo or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-haloalkyl; or -CONHR<sup>g</sup> where R<sup>g</sup> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-cycloalkyl or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl.

Claim 3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, in which

X is -R<sup>1</sup>-Ar-R<sup>2</sup> or -R<sup>a</sup>-Y;

Ar denotes a phenylene group optionally substituted by halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy substituted by phenyl;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are attached to adjacent carbon atoms in Ar, and

either R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylene and R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen,

or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atoms in Ar to which they are attached denote a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloaliphatic ring, especially a 5-membered cycloaliphatic ring;

R<sup>a</sup> is a bond or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylene optionally substituted by hydroxy, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aralkyl; and

Y is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkynyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl optionally fused to one or more benzene rings and optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aralkyl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aralkyloxy optionally substituted by halo, or by C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, phenoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl, a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen atom, or by NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup> where R<sup>b</sup> and R<sup>c</sup> are each independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or phenyl or R<sup>b</sup> may additionally be hydrogen; phenoxy optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy; a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen or oxygen atom, said heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aralkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl or by a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl; -NR<sup>d</sup>R<sup>e</sup> where R<sup>d</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, or R<sup>e</sup> is a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen or sulphur atom which ring is optionally substituted by halo-substituted phenyl or R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-arylsulfonyl optionally substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino; -SR<sup>f</sup> where R<sup>f</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aralkyl optionally substituted by halo or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl; or -CONHR<sup>g</sup> where R<sup>g</sup> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl.

Claim 4. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 in free or salt or solvate form, wherein X is  $-R^1-Ar-R^2$  or  $-R^a-Y$ ;

Ar denotes a phenylene group optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl, phenyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl substituted by phenyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy substituted by phenyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl-substituted phenyl or by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy-substituted phenyl;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are attached to adjacent carbon atoms in Ar, and

either  $R^1$  is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylene and  $R^2$  is hydrogen,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or halogen

or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  together with the carbon atoms in Ar to which they are attached denote a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloaliphatic ring;

$R^a$  is a bond or  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylene optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl or  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl; and

Y is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_2-C_{10}$ -alkenyl or  $C_2-C_{10}$ -alkynyl optionally substituted by halo, cyano, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or halo- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl;

$C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl optionally fused to one or more benzene rings and optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyloxy or  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or halo- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl;

$C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -haloalkyl, phenoxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylthio,  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl, 4- to 10- membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom, or by  $NR^bR^c$  where  $R^b$  and  $R^c$  are each independently  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or phenyl or  $R^b$  may additionally be hydrogen;

phenoxy optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or by phenyl optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl or  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy;

a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom, said heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by halo,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy, halo- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyloxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxycarbonyl or a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclyl- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl;

$-NR^dR^e$  where  $R^d$  is hydrogen or  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl and  $R^e$  is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, or  $R^e$  is  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl optionally substituted by halo, or  $R^e$  is a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom which ring is optionally substituted by phenyl or halo-substituted phenyl or  $R^e$  is  $C_6-C_{10}$ -arylsulfonyl optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylamino or di( $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl)-amino;

$-SR^f$  where  $R^f$  is  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl or  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl optionally substituted by halo,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or  $C_1-C_{10}$ -haloalkyl; or

$-CONHR^g$  where  $R^g$  is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl or  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl.

Claim 5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, in which

X is  $-R^1-Ar-R^2$  or  $-R^a-Y$ ;

Ar denotes a phenylene group optionally substituted by halo,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy substituted by phenyl;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are attached to adjacent carbon atoms in Ar, and

either  $R^1$  is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylene and  $R^2$  is hydrogen,

or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  together with the carbon atoms in Ar to which they are attached denote a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloaliphatic ring;

$R^a$  is a bond or  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylene optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl or  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl; and

Y is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy or  $C_2-C_{10}$ -alkynyl;  $C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl optionally fused to one or more benzene rings and optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyloxy or  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl;  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl, phenoxy,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylthio,  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl, a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen atom, or by  $NR^bR^c$  where  $R^b$  and  $R^c$  are each independently  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or phenyl or  $R^b$  may additionally be hydrogen; phenoxy optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxy; a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen or oxygen atom, said heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl,  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl,  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkoxycarbonyl or by a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclyl- $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl;  $-NR^dR^e$  where  $R^d$  is hydrogen or  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl and  $R^e$  is  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl, or  $R^e$  is a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen or oxygen atom which ring is optionally substituted by halo-substituted phenyl or  $R^e$  is  $C_6-C_{10}$ -arylsulfonyl optionally substituted by di( $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl)amino;  $-SR^f$  where  $R^f$  is  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl or  $C_7-C_{14}$ -aralkyl optionally substituted by halo or  $C_1-C_{10}$ -haloalkyl; or  $-CONHR^g$  where  $R^g$  is  $C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl or  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl.

Claim 6. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, in which

X is  $-R^1-Ar-R^2$  or  $R^a-Y$ ;

Ar denotes a phenylene group optionally substituted by halo,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy or by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy substituted by phenyl;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are attached to adjacent carbon atoms in Ar, and

either  $R^1$  is  $C_1-C_4$ -alkylene and  $R^2$  is hydrogen,

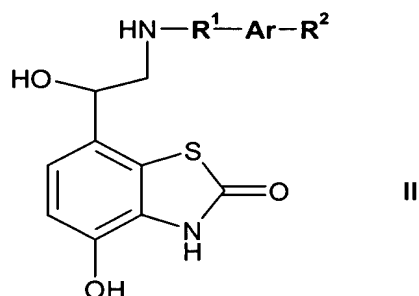
or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  together with the carbon atoms in Ar to which they are attached denote a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloaliphatic ring, especially a 5-membered cycloaliphatic ring;

$R^a$  is a bond or  $C_1-C_4$ -alkylene optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_6-C_8$ -aryl or  $C_7-C_{10}$ -aralkyl; and

Y is  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy or  $C_2-C_4$ -alkynyl;  $C_3-C_6$ -cycloalkyl optionally fused to one or more benzene rings and optionally substituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_3-C_6$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_7-C_{10}$ -aralkyl,  $C_7-C_{10}$ -aralkyloxy or  $C_6-C_8$ -aryl;  $C_6-C_8$ -aryl optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl, phenoxy,

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl, a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen atom, or by NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup> where R<sup>b</sup> and R<sup>c</sup> are each independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or phenyl or R<sup>b</sup> may additionally be hydrogen; phenoxy optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy; a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen or oxygen atom, said heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aralkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl or by a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl; -NR<sup>d</sup>R<sup>e</sup> where R<sup>d</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, or R<sup>e</sup> is a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having at least one ring nitrogen or sulphur atom which ring is optionally substituted by halo-substituted phenyl or R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-arylsulfonyl optionally substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino; -SR<sup>f</sup> where R<sup>f</sup> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aralkyl optionally substituted by halo or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl; or -CONHR<sup>g</sup> where R<sup>g</sup> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-aryl.

Claim 7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 that is also a compound of formula II



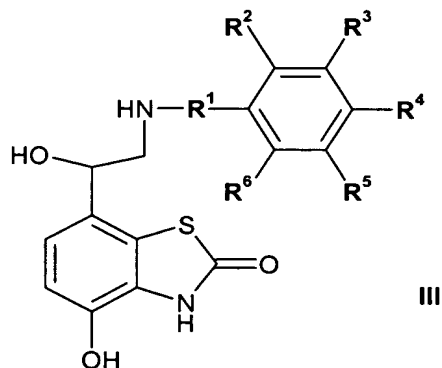
in free or salt or solvate form, where

Ar denotes a phenylene group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy substituted by phenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl-substituted phenyl or by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy-substituted phenyl,

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are attached to adjacent carbon atoms in Ar, and

either R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylene and R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy or halogen or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atoms in Ar to which they are attached denote a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloaliphatic ring.

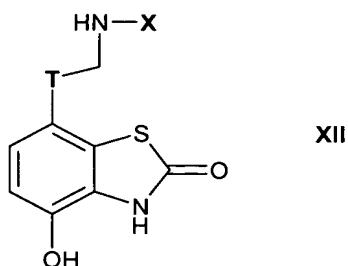
Claim 8. (Original) A compound according to claim 7 that is also a compound of formula III



in free or salt or solvate form, where R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylene and R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached on the indicated benzene ring denote a 5-membered cycloaliphatic ring, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each hydrogen, R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy substituted by phenyl and R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl.

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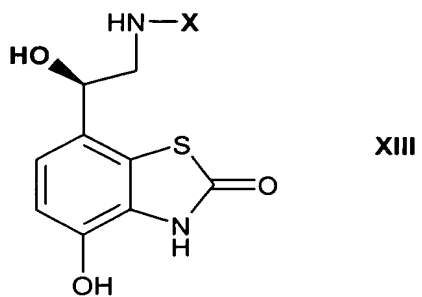
Claim 15. (New) A compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, which is also a compound of formula XII



wherein T and X are as shown in the following table:

T	X

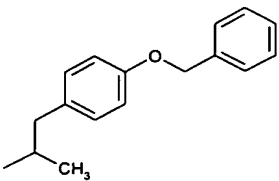
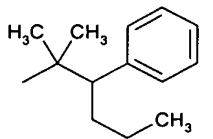
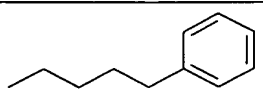
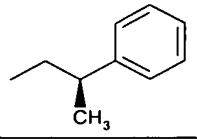
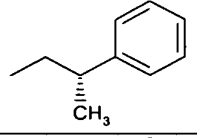
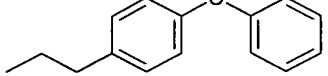
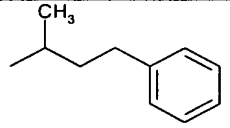
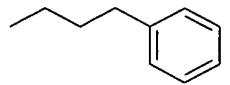
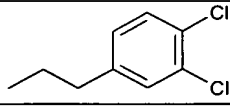
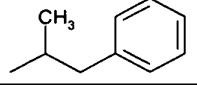
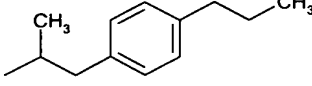
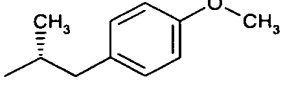
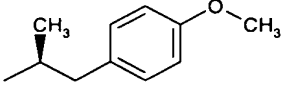
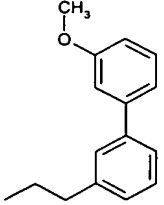
Claim 16. (New) A compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, which is also a compound of formula XIII

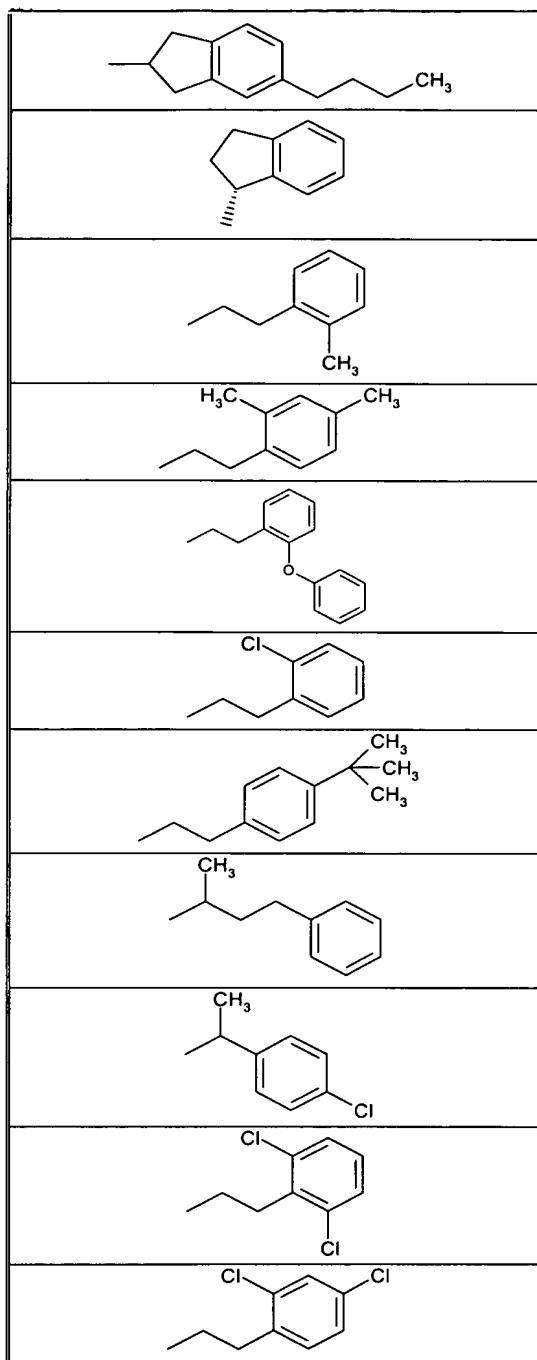


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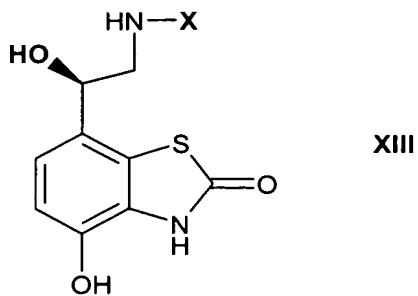
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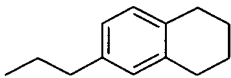
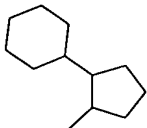
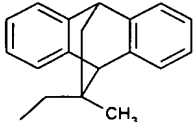
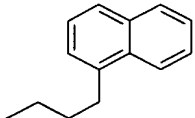
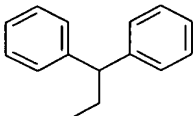
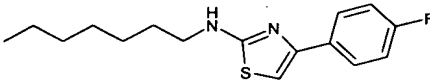
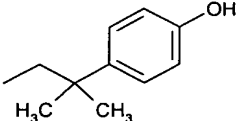
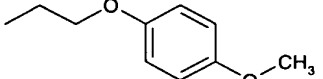
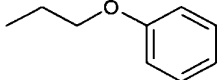
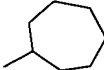
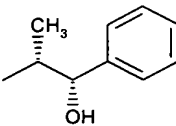
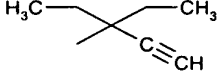
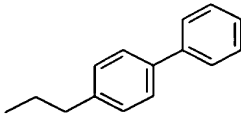
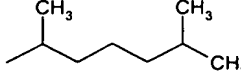















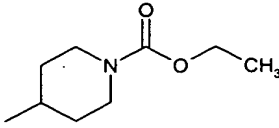
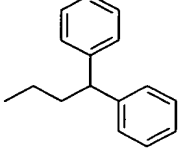
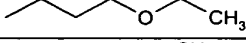
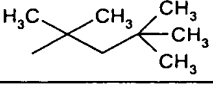
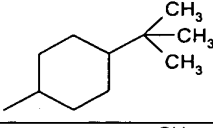
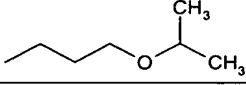
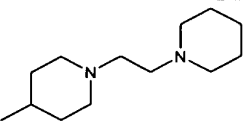
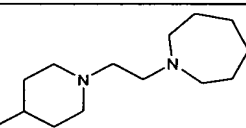
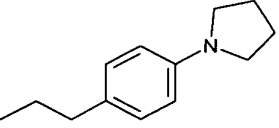
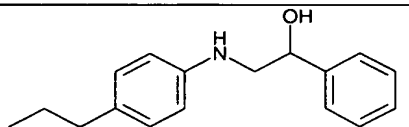
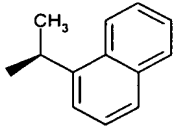
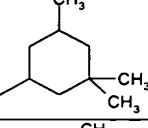
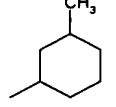
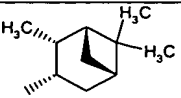


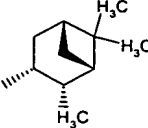

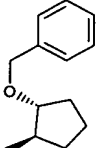
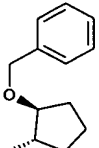
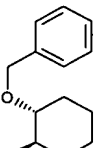
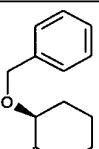
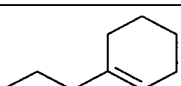
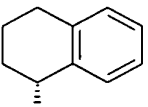
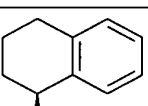
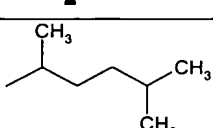
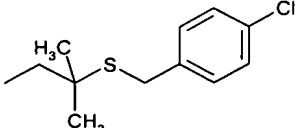
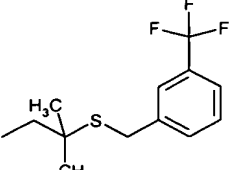
Claim 17. (New) A compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, which is also a compound of formula XIII

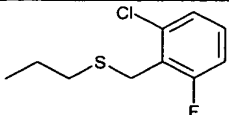
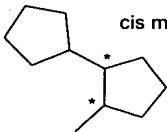
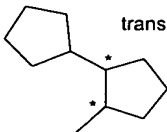
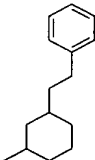
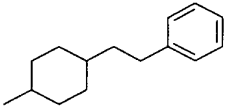
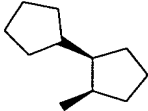
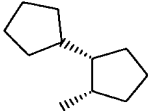
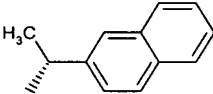
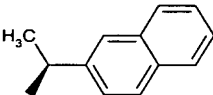
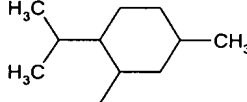
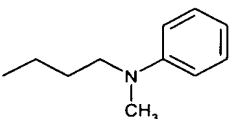
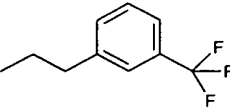
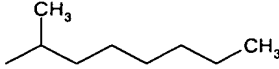
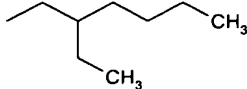


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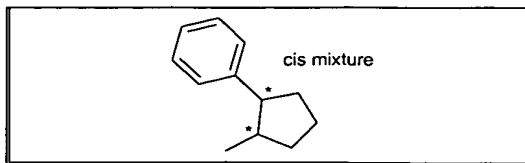















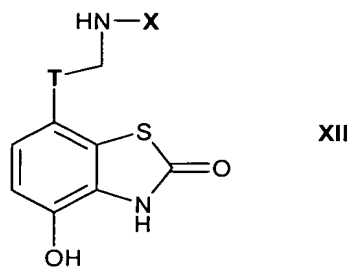

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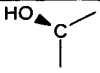
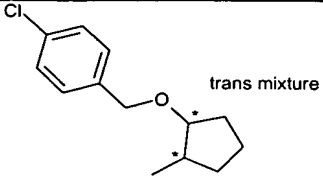
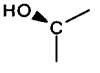
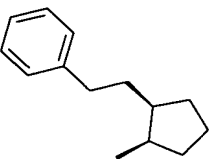
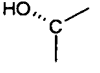
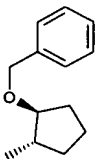
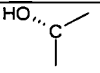
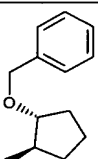
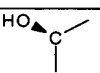
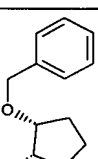
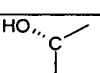
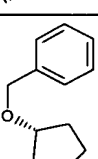
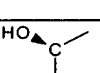
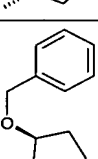
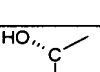
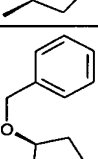


Claim 18. (New) A compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, which is also a compound of formula XII



wherein T and X are as shown in the following table:

T	X

Claim 19. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising as active ingredient a compound according to claim 1, optionally together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.

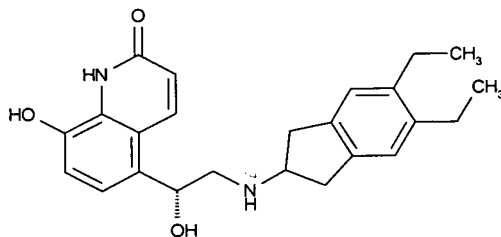
Claim 20. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising as active ingredient a compound according to claim 4, optionally together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.

Claim 21. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising as active ingredient a compound according to claim 7, optionally together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.

Claim 22. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 in combination with another drug substance which is an anti-inflammatory, a bronchodilator or an antihistamine.

Claim 23. (New) A composition according to claim 22 wherein the another drug substance is a beta-2 adrenoceptor agonist.

Claim 24. (New) A composition according to claim 23 wherein the beta-2 adrenoceptor agonist is selected from the group consisting of salbutamol, terbutaline, salmeterol, formoterol and the compound of formula



in free or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate form.

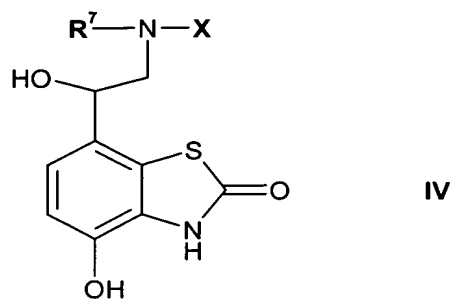
Claim 25. (New) A method of treating a condition that is prevented or alleviated by activation of the  $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptor in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 in free form or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claim 26. (New) A method of treating an obstructive or inflammatory airways disease in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 in free form or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claim 27. (New) A method of treating asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 in free form or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

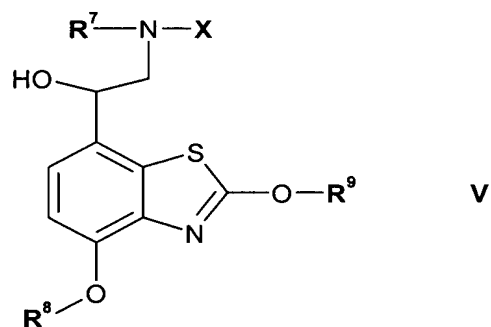
Claim 28. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1 which comprises:

- (i) either (A) reacting a compound of formula IV



where X is as defined in Claim 1 and  $R^7$  denotes a protecting group, to replace  $R^7$  by hydrogen,

or (B) reacting a compound of formula V



where X and  $R^7$  are as hereinbefore defined and  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  each independently denote a protecting group, to convert groups  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  to hydrogen; and

- (ii) recovering the compound of formula I in free or salt or solvate form.